

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title at page 1, line 1, with the following rewritten title:
SHAFT SEALING ASSEMBLY FOR VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a shaft sealing apparatus for use in a vacuum processing apparatus (hereinafter simply referred to as a "shaft sealing apparatus"), and more particularly to a shaft sealing apparatus for sealing the gaps between a driving shaft and other parts around the driving shaft to have the driving shaft movably extending in a vacuum chamber and operatively connected with a handling mechanism disposed in the vacuum chamber.